

Below is a series of items folks might find interesting.
Ken

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***** Privacy Reg's on Dec. 20 ????? *****

At noon on December 20th, President Clinton is scheduled to go to HHS headquarters to announce promulgation of the final rule on "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information". The final rule could be on HHS's Administrative Simplification web site --
<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp>

***** Government Technology Magazine Article on HIPAA and the states *****
>>> "Sherman, Shneor (DHS-ITSD)" <SSherman@dhs.ca.gov> 12/19/00 03:24PM

<http://205.247.47.12/publications/gt/2000/dec/18.phtml>

>>> "Sherman, Shneor (DHS-ITSD)" <SSherman@dhs.ca.gov> 12/19/00 07:25AM
-----Original Message-----

From: Privacy, Security and Confidentiality of Medical Records 2000
[\[mailto:nealn@hlthtech.com\]](mailto:nealn@hlthtech.com)
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2000 4:25 PM
To: Sherman, Shneor (DHS-ITSD)
Subject: Privacy Rule Next Week
Privacy, Security and Confidentiality of Medical Records 2000 -
<http://www.nonprofitmgt.com/privacy>

This morning I produced a HIPAA program for the American Telemedicine Association, including participation by Dr. Braithwaite, during which he informed the group that the Privacy Rule will be finalized and (barring any un-foreseen circumstances i.e. holdup by OMB) will be issued next week, followed by the Security Rule sometime shortly thereafter.

***** [hipaalive] Elimination of Local Codes *****

Briefly, there are ongoing activities by the fed & state Medicaid groups to

- 1 - identify local codes (HCPCS III) that can be mapped to existing HCPCS and CPT codes and produce cross-walks,
- 2 - identify local codes that cannot be cross-walked and take those to the DSMO's for the generation of HCPCS to accommodate those.

Yesterday there was a conference call and there are daily listings on our list_serv 'NAMEDIWORK-L@LIST.NIH.GOV'.

The group has many workgroups addressing

- * Claims attachment
- * Provider taxonomy
- * Prior authorization
- * Local codes
- * NCPDP
- * and more

***** [hipaalive] ANSI ASC X12N 835 - Health Care Claim Pay *****

The following is a HCFA site that was referenced in a memorandum to intermediaries. There are several pdf and excel files dealing with the 837 institutional. There is a map of 837 4010 to UB92 file (837toUB.pdf). Also there's an excel file of the data elements in 837 institutional (4010837i.xls).

<http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/edi/hipaadoc.htm>

I believe AFEHCT's ASPIRe HCFA 1500 to 837 Workgroup has completed a translation that's available at <http://www.afehct.org>. I haven't heard about the status of the translation to UB92.

***** physical security and overview presentation *****

Another source of information is the HIPAA Security Summit document. I think it is available on a couple of sites, the site that I am most familiar with is SMS's HIPAA Central -- <http://www.smed.com/hipaa/index.php> and <http://www.smed.com/hipaa/smshipa.pdf> for a sample HIPAA Overview presentation

***** HIPAA Survey Results *****

Health Data Management did a survey that notes how ready organizations are for HIPAA. An interesting point was that only 6.8 % have plans in place. <http://www.healthdatamanagement.com/html/content/survey00.htm>

***** [hipaalive] Re: Data List - File Map *****

AFEHCT has a project called ASPIRE that is mapping the paper forms for HCFA 1500 and UB92 to the HIPAA ANSI X12 standards. Check it out at www.afehct.org

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***** [hipaalive] Re: Adjustment Reasons *****

>>> ARJWHICK@ihc.com 12/11/00 05:24AM >>>

QUESTION:

Does anyone know how to submit suggested changes to the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (835 Data Element Number 1034) values? The 835 Imp Guide lists the source as the "National Health Care Claim Payment/Advice Committee Bulletins," but there isn't a web address for them; there's just the WPC web address. And since the source is these "bulletins," do you know how to get on the distribution list for them?

ANSWER:

Yes - on the WPC-EDI website, you can link through to http://www.wpc-edi.com/CommitteeC_40.asp. There - the committee maintains the minutes from previous meetings, a conference site for people to comment on change/add/deletion requests prior to the committee meeting, and also to request changes/additions/deletions to the code list. The link is also on that same page -

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/AdjustmentStatusCodes/Form.html>

Make sure to put enough description in the Explanation area so that the committee will better understand your business need and respond as appropriate. The committee's objective is to "...meet the business needs of the user community while eliminating redundancy in the codes. The committee shall be responsible for meeting all business needs, but has the freedom to determine how any specific need will actually be met. In cases where a request does not result in a change or addition to the lists, a recommended solution within the existing codes will be provided." If you're unable to attend the meetings, check back often for updates to the conference discussion and the minutes as they are posted.

Also - the page makes a suggestion to contact your "industry representative" for assistance in developing your code request. (Note - there is also a list of representatives on the WPC-EDI website. <http://www.wpc-edi.com/AdjustmentStatusCodes/contacts.html>)

"Use the Code Request Form to suggest changes to existing codes and to request new values

It is recommended that individuals pursuing a new code or changes to a code message first contact their industry representative on the committee or another committee member by telephone to discuss their request prior to submitting the form.

By doing so, this may facilitate their request by allowing someone

familiar with the approval process to discuss an alternate solution (if appropriate) for their need, or enabling that committee member to obtain additional background information which could help with the request.

Requestors are not required to contact a committee member by phone prior to submitting their request, but they would be strongly encouraged to do so. This process would allow the committee to more fully understand and discuss requests and have more time at the meeting to do so."

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***** Supposed Hack of UW Med Ctr *****

>>> Ken McKinstry 12/17/00 12:53PM >>>

Sadly the press on the supposed "hacking" got a lot more press than the response from the UW Med Ctr. Please see the e-mail at the end of this note below.

Additionally, we have a very strong firewall at HHSDC that prevents such intrusions. In the past months the HHSDC has had Lucent Technologies go through a security review, including the firewall, and no weaknesses were found. Additionally, we here at DMH are having a security review by Lucent Technologies in the next few weeks to look for any potential weaknesses, which will be addressed. They are doing the most sophisticated scans and attempted hacks that can be done using the most current tools, so the best in the business feel we will have the best security we can have when it is completed.

I hope this helps alleviate any concerns. Please contact me if you need additional information.
Enjoy!!!
Ken

>>> jrchristiansen@stoel.com 12/07/00 05:13PM >>>

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The link re: UW Med Ctr Hacking has been denied as shown in the enclosed. I won't speculate about anyone's accuracy.

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> The following statement is for attribution to Tom Martin, director and

> chief information officer for University of Washington Medical Centers

> Information Systems:

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> "An Internet-based news service yesterday netcast a rumor that 'a hacker

> took command of large portions of the University of Washington Medical

> Centers internal network earlier this year.' Unfortunately, this rumor was

> reported as fact. However, it is completely inaccurate.

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> "Last summer, we halted an unknown hacker who had gained criminal entry

> into portions of our academic computer system. This is the only incident

> we are aware of that bears any resemblance whatsoever to the report in

> yesterdays SecurityFocus News. While we have no evidence that confidential

> data were obtained as part of that incident, we do know for certain that

> no one has ever gained unauthorized entry into our separate and highly

> confidential patient-care computer systems.

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> "The UW and most other universities make limited use of firewall
> technology and are under constant assault by recreational hackers.
> Recognizing this, we take extraordinary measures to protect our
> clinical-based systems that go well beyond the high security employed, for
> example, by most community hospitals. These measures include the latest
> hardware and software, encryption technologies, and strong host-based
> security.
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> "As the incident we detected last summer illustrates, we are constantly
> vigilant for hacker attacks on all of our computer systems. We believe
> that rumors such as the one given credence in yesterdays netcast only
> encourage recreational hackers to pursue their criminal activity."
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